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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 2814

PATENT  
2342-107B

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Mitsuhiro HIRANO

Appl. No.: 08/813,200

Group: 2814

Filed: March 7, 1997

Examiner: M. Dietrich

For: SUBSTRATE PROCESSING APPARATUS WITH  
LOCAL EXHAUST FOR REMOVING  
CONTAMINANTS (AS AMENDED)

NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE  
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**Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231**

September 7, 2000

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated March 7, 2000 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 10, 11, 16, and 18.

The enclosed document is being transmitted via the Certificate of Mailing provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.8.

The applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for an extension of three (3) month(s) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a).  
Docket No. 11-14444-A-4441200

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The fee has been calculated as shown below:

NO extensions of time have been previously obtained for responding to the Final Rejection. Thus a fee of \$870.00 is required for the full period of the above-requested extension of time.

An extension of \_\_\_\_\_ month(s) for responding to the Final Rejection was previously requested and paid for on \_\_\_\_\_. Thus a fee of \$0.00 is required to obtain an additional \_\_\_\_\_ month(s) for filing the Notice of Appeal.

The Government fee for filing a Notice of Appeal to the Board of Appeals is calculated as follows:

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Therefore, the TOTAL FEE due for the filing of this Notice of Appeal is \$1,170.00.

Payment of the above TOTAL FEE is being made in the following manner:

A check in the amount of \$1,170.00 is enclosed.  
 Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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Respectfully submitted,

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